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1. IN CONNECTION WITH UPITT PROPOSED WORKSHOP ON EVALUATION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN BANGUI DURING NOVEMBER, UPITT CHIEF OF PARTY HAS ASKED RDO TO APPROVE DR. JOHN L. YEAGER AS LEADER OF WORKSHOP AND TRANSMIT THAT APPROVAL TO AID/W.

2. RDO HAS NOT YET APPROVED YEAGER, MAINLY BECAUSE OF RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY OCEAC SECGEN DURAND ON GROUNDS YEAGER DOES NOT SPEAK FRENCH, HAS ONLY A MINIMUM OF EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS, AND HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ALBEIT IMPLICITLY DURAND ALSO SEEMS TO HAVE DOUBTS RE UTILITY OF WORKSHOP AND, IN ANY CASE, BELIEVES IT PREMATURE HOLD IT NOT. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE DISCUSS MATTER WITH DURAND AND CHIEF OF PARTY TOGETHER, DUE THEIR TRAVEL SCHEDULES, AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO UNTIL DURAND RETURNS YAOUNDE O/A 26 OCTOBER. WE INTEND KEEP WHOLE MATTER IN ABEYANCE UNTIL SUCH A MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE.

3. INSOFAR POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AID PROJECT EVALUATION CONCERNED, WE ARE REASONABLY CONVINCED THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. CHIEF OF PARTY HAS EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF UPITT WORKSHOP TO US AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE PRODUCTION OF AN EVALUATION DESIGN FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT, NOT AN EVALUATION OF
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TECHNICIANS NECESSARILY; BUT RATHER AN OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT ON THE STATE OF HEALTH OF POPULATIONS OF THE ZONES AND OF THE HEALTH SERVICES THAT SERVE THEM.

WE HAVE NOW GATHERED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DATA THAT CAN BE USED IN SUCH AN EVALUATION. THE WORKSHOP WILL EXAMINE THIS DATA FOR ITS USEFULNESS, DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER DATA NEED TO BE COLLECTED, AND DESIGN THE METHODOLOGY OF EVALUATION OF THE OUTPUTS OF THE PROJECT BOTH AT THE END, AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 21/2 YEARS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE WORKSHOP WILL SERVE TO SET UP AN AGREED UPON PLAN FOR EVALUATING PROJECT EFFECTS. DATA ALREADY COLLECTED WILL BE JUDGED TO SEE WHICH ELEMENTS SHOULD BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE PROJECT FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES, WHICH SHOULD BE REPEATED PERIODICALLY DURING THE NEXT 21/2 YEARS FOR MONITORING PURPOSES, AND WHICH CAN BE USEFUL ONLY IF COMPLETED WITH STILL OTHER INFORMATION. END QUOTE.

4. RDO SUSPECTS PART OF PROBLEM MAY BE EXTENT TO WHICH CHIEF OF PARTY HAS SUFFICIENTLY EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP TO DURAND. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DURAND, HE SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND WORKSHOP AS RATHER NARROW EVALUATION OF RESULTS OF PROJECT UP TO NOW AND HE THINKS IT PREMATURE TO DO THIS, ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS COST, TIME, ETC., INVOLVED.

5. COMMENT. WHEN RDO LAST MET WITH DURAND TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER, HE EVIDENCED DEGREE OF DISCOURAGEMENT WITH PROJECT, AND ITS RESULTS UP TO NOW, WHICH SURPRISED RDO STAFF WITH LONGER ASSOCIATION WITH PROJECT THAN RDO HIMSELF. IT MAY BE DURAND WAS HAVING A BAD DAY--HE WAS, IN FACT, UNDER PRESSURE TO GET AWAY ON A BUSINESS TRIP. IN ANY CASE, IT IS SOMETHING WE SHALL PURSUE FURTHER. END COMMENT.

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